

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 9, 2008 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 18 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0629512.

By the accompanying amendment, claims 18 and 24 have been amended by defining R₄₀ as phenyl in claim 18 and R₆₆ as phenyl in claim 24. By the above amendment, the compound of formula (5) in claim 18 and the compound of formula (7) in claim 24 are limited to compounds which are not disclosed in EP 0629512. The compound of formula (5) in claim 18 has at least one phenyl substituent as R₃₁, R₃₃, R₃₈ or R₄₀ and such compound is not disclosed in EP 0629512. The compound of formula (7) in claim 24 has at least one phenyl substituent as R₅₉, R₆₁, R₆₄ or R₆₆ and such compound is not disclosed in EP 0629512.

The Examiner's allowance of claim 1, 3-8, 10-17 and 21 is noted with appreciation.

Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

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